GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:415
ANSWERED ON:12.08.2002
RICE PRODUCTION
SUBODH ROY

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether rice production has registered sharp decline in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government propose to increase rice production during the Tenth Five Year Plan; and

(d) if so, the incentives/schemes proposed to be introduced for rice producers of the country especially of Bihar during the above period?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFFERED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.415 DUE FOR REPLY ON 12TH AUGUST, 2002.

(a)&(b): No, Sir. Production of rice in the country during the last four years was as under:-

(India)

Year	Production (Million tonnes)
1998-99	86.00
1999-00	89.68
2000-01	84.87
2001-02	91.61 (estimated)

The production depends on monsoons to a large extent as only about 50 percent of rice cultivated area is irrigated.

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d): (1) For increasing the production & productivity of rice, Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Rice Based Cropping Systems Areas was implemented in the major rice growing States including Bihar since 1994-95 which continued up to 2000. Since October, 2000 the scheme along with 26 other schemes has been subsumed under Macro Management Mode Scheme to give more flexibility to States in implementation of various programmes on the basis of State`s priorities and requirements. Funds are allocated and released to States in lump sum for Macro Management Mode Scheme and not provided on the basis of individual crop.

(2) Front Line Demonstrations on latest technology for rice cultivation are organised by ICAR on farmer`s fields.

(3) On Farm Water Management Scheme has been launched in the eastern States including Bihar for the optimum use of surface and ground water aiming to increase the rice production.

(4) For demonstrating hybrid rice technology a new scheme is contemplated for Tenth Plan.